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INR and Cuban Crisis, October 22  
to Date

October 22

- 7:30 - Mr. Hilsman in for discussion of available information on offensive weapons in Cuba in preparation for special USIB meeting. Most important question was how much information could be released at 6:00 briefing of Ambassadors in order to obtain credibility.
- 8:30 - Mr. Hilsman attended special USIB meeting (Top Secret minutes available).
- 11:00 - Hilsman with Sonnenfeldt to meeting in President's office to discuss what could be told to Ambassadors.
- 11:45 - Hilsman met with Manning, Greenfield, Rowan, Neubert, Sonnenfeldt, Hughes, Brown, Stoertz (CIA), and Huizenga (CIA) to discuss

what would be told Ambassadors and press.

Tentative arrangements made for Hilsman  
to brief press following two separate  
briefings of Ambassadors at 6:00 and 8:00.

- 12:10 - Hilsman called to Secretary's Office.  
Subject? ?
- 12:27 - Hilsman returned from Secretary's Office  
and rejoined information policy meeting  
which began at 11:45 in his office.
- 12:40 - Hilsman called Forrestal on picture problem.
- 1:40 - Paul Nitze called Hilsman
- 2:00 - Mr. McGeorge Bundy called
- 2:16 - General Collins called.
- 2:30 - Called Mr. Orrick
- 2:40 - Mr. Orrick came in to a scene of confusion  
and Hilsman urged him to keep in mind the  
pressures IRR was under.

- 2:45 - Hilsman left for White House for briefing with President.
- 4:19 - Hilsman returned from White House and met with Hughes, Neubert, Stoertz (CIA), Col. Parker (NPIC) and Sonnenfeldt on presentation for Ambassadors.
- 4:50 - Hilsman called Harlan Cleveland
- 4:52 - Hilsman called Forrestal
- 6:03 - Hilsman left for Ball's Office with Hughes and Sonnenfeldt.
- 6:15 - Hilsman began briefing Ambassadors in Main International Conference Room.
- 8:15 - Hilsman began briefing of neutral Ambassadors in Main International Conference Room
- 8:45 - Hilsman went to East Auditorium to brief representative of the press.

October 23

- 10:30 - Hilsman in to discuss latest information on missile situation with Hughes, Sonnenfeldt, Toumanoff, Brown, and Neuberger.
- 11:16 - Forrestal in to see Hilsman
- 11:22 - Harlan Cleveland in with Forrestal and Hilsman.
- 11:50 - Forrestal left.
- 12:15 - Harlan Cleveland called on final arrangements for Hilsman to go to New York to brief Stevenson.
- 12:35 - Hilsman left for airport and went up to New York with Toumanoff.
- 7:00 - Hilsman returned from New York.
- 7:20 - Hilsman and Scott to Johnson's Office for debriefing on afternoon meeting at White House.

- 7:55 - Secretary called; call transferred to  
Johnson's office.
- 8:30 - Hilsman departed.

October 24

- 8:30 - Hilsman in for INR briefing.
- 10:20 - Hilsman called Manning regarding 11:00  
briefing of European Broadcasting Union.
- 10:55 - Hilsman left for USIB meeting.